

Penghu County

The Administration

Magistrate/
Cheng Kuang-fu



Deputy Magistrate/
Lin Jie-xin

(Photo is not provided on the
official website.)

Population/ 102,000

The Geography

Area/ 49.41 mile²

The Economy

Current Income/
USD \$283.7 million

Disposable Income per capita/
USD \$8,659.07

Major Industries

- Tourism
- Marine and Fisheries

2017 Events

- 2017 Penghu Ocean Fireworks Festival
- 2018 The Most Beautiful Bays in the World Meeting—
Pre-event Video Competition

Infrastructure Projects

- Magong Airport
- Magong Harbor
- Suogang Port
- Longmen Jianshan Port
- Zhongtun Windmill Power Park
- Chikan Underground Reservoir





Major Policies

Low-carbon Island

- The previous low-carbon plan from 2011-2015 facilitated 20 solar projects with a capacity of 1.56MW.
- Local authorities are proposing the next 4-year plan (2017-2020) to transform Penghu into a low-carbon island for international tourism. Central authorities are investing USD \$62.6 million (NT\$1.9 billion) with USD \$11.9 million (NT\$360 million) from the Off-Shore Island Development Fund to implement this project.
- The plan focuses on installing wind turbines and solar panels throughout the island, and assists Taiwan Power Company in establishing a renewable energy demonstration zone.
- Taiwan Power Company's analysis suggests that Penghu and Changhua are especially suitable for off-shore wind power generation due to their geography. TaiPower estimates over 710MW of wind power capacity in both Penghu and Changhua.
- The Penghu Dongjiyu Microgrid Small Power Supply System received the 2017 Smart Energy Communities Best Practices Award given by Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

International Tourism

- The Penghu Magistrate named 2017 a "Landscape Re-creation Year" and introduced plans to re-create the natural landscape of Penghu.
- Summer is Penghu's peak tourism season because of the strong winds during winter. However, local authorities are focusing on promoting winter tourism as well.
- Local authorities also aim to transform Magong Port into "Penghu New Bay Area," an international and recreational port for yachts.
- Penghu is planning to build a bicycle route around the island to collaborate with The Most Beautiful Bays in the World 2018 Congress.

Seawater Desalination

- Penghu's desalination plants provide 13,000 tons of water per day.
- In 2015, Taiwan Water Corporation invested USD \$42 million (NT\$1.33 billion) in building a seawater desalination plant in Penghu. The plant is estimated to be completed by December 2017, after which daily water provision will increase by 4,000 tons.
- This projected 17,000 tons of daily water provision will meet 68 percent of water usage in Penghu.

Forward-looking Infrastructure Development Program

- Penghu is requesting USD \$329.69 million (NT\$10 billion) from central authorities through this program.
- Within the water resources and aquatic environment section of the program, Penghu is focusing on the Offshore Island Water Provision Improvement Project and Non-Water Provision Area Improvement Project. Penghu is also requesting USD \$2.6 million (NT\$80 million) to clean ocean waste.
- Within the digital technology section of the program, Penghu hopes to facilitate and strengthen information security, natural disaster prevention communication infrastructure, broadband networks for rural areas, mass broadband internet coverage, smart networks within campuses, and digital applications for education.
- Places emphasis on island-hopping transportation instead of light rail construction, which is in lower demand.
- For urban and rural facilities, Penghu is proposing to construct a parking tower at the South Sea Visitor Service Center and a large parking lot at Anshan. Other proposals include improving road quality and creating water-recreational spaces at Magong Port and six other locations.

Healthcare

- Penghu signed a strategic alliance with five southern Taiwan hospitals to support healthcare within the county. The five hospitals include Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital, E-da Hospital, Kaohsiung Medical University, Yuan Hospital, and Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital.
- The Executive Yuan announced USD \$4.6 million in investment to acquire helicopters and provide 24-hour emergency medical transportation.
- The project includes hiring helicopters from the private sector for emergency medical transportation. The National Airborne Service Corps will serve as a backup.

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The Geography

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The Economy

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Major Industry

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2017 Events

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Major Policy

Low-Carbon Island

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